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Cultural Night offers students different view

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The 12th annual International Cultural Night show will be held at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4, in the University Conference Center. The show is sponsored by the International Students Organization.

The International Cultural Night show will feature songs, skits and dances.

The event's purpose is to give students on campus a chance to experience the world. The theme of the cultural show is "Everyone Has a Place in the World."

"Usually, we had 'We are the World' as the main theme of the cultural show," Theresa Perofeta, ISO vice president, said. "This year we chose 'Everyone Has a Place in the World.' It does not matter who you are, what color skin you have. You always have a place in the world."

This time ISO is trying to not only get the international students on campus involved, but also invited the Maryville community to participate. Gordon Fernando, chairman of the multicultural committee, said ISO sent letters to many groups including the Chinese Student Association, Alliance of Black Collegians and Maryville High School in hopes of finding help for ISO.

"This year we are reaching out to the bank presidents, a lot of other clubs and societies out of the University," Fernando said. "We want them to get involved with international students together."

The International Cultural Night show is not a new idea. ISO tries to have a cultural show every year because they want to break the gap between foreigners and local citizens. ISO is willing to share different countries' cultures with the University and the community.

Perofeta said the cultural show is a way to show ISO does accept each country's culture by learning how to cooperate with everybody.

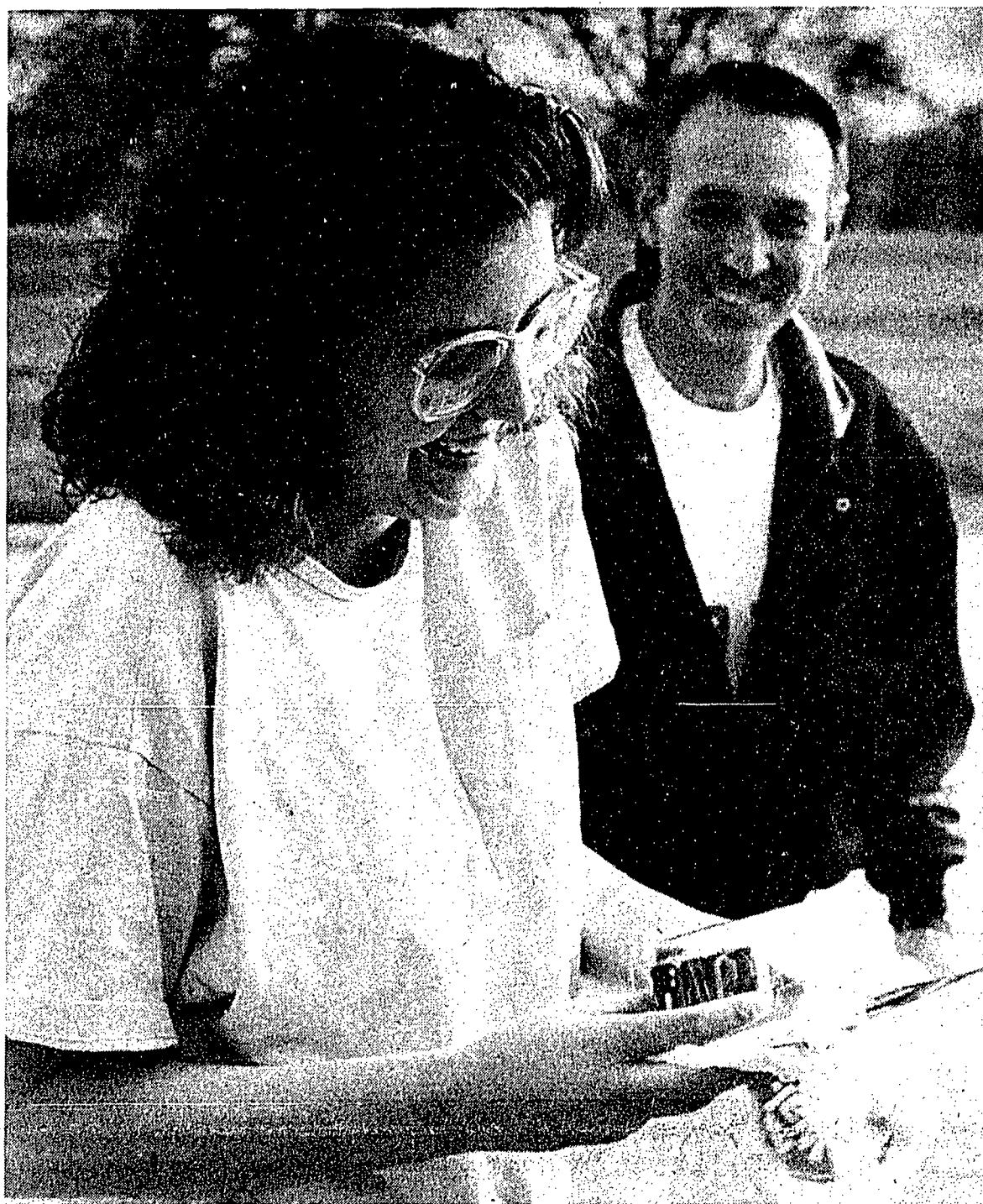
"The International Cultural Night is to promote each country's culture," Perofeta said. "Students on campus can learn each other's culture, so you can understand how to communicate with each other."

The cultural show also tries to deliver a good image of international students to the Maryville community.

"We want to show the University, and the community that international students are fun-loving, open groups," Fernando said.

Tickets are on sale at the Student Services Center located on the first floor of the Administration Building from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The dinner plus the show are \$5. The show alone is \$2. Tickets for senior citizens over 65 and children under 12 are 50 percent off.

April Fools



Kristen Dickey receives a "Corvette" from campus radio station KDLX. The giveaway was part of the station's April Fool's Day contest, which also included a full day of country music programming. Jon Britton/Assistant Photo Director

Mattea to share acoustic music with University

By DEVEN WOOLFOLK
Assistant Editor

The Kathy Mattea concert scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 2, in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center could sell out, according to Dave Gieseke, adviser of Campus Activities Programmers.

"As of (Tuesday) there were less than 50 tickets remaining," Gieseke said.

However, even if the show does sell out, students planning to attend the show, who have not yet bought tickets may have one more chance tonight at 6 p.m. at the Mary Linn Box Office.

"There might be some tickets that are turned back in," Gieseke said. "We allowed some seats for the sound board and may not need them all."

Gieseke said he could not assure students seats would be available, but it is a possibility.

According to Gieseke, the concert has been greeted with enthusiasm from Northwest students and faculty as well as people from outside the University.

"We have had more people from St. Joe purchasing tickets than usual," Gieseke said.

Jill Taylor, a student at Northwest, said she was happy to hear CAP's was bringing a country and western performer to the University for the spring concert.

"I am a country music fan, I like Kathy Mattea a lot," Taylor said. "I thought when they got Kathy Mattea it was great because not only is she a



Kathy Mattea

country singer, but she is also a big star."

Mattea has won several awards including a Grammy Award for the Best Female Country Vocal Performance in 1991 for "Where've You Been?" as well as a Grammy for Best Country Song, also for "Where've You Been?"

In addition, Mattea has won The Country Music Association's Female Vocalist of the Year award for the last three years.

Taylor said she believes the awards Mattea has won may contribute to her appeal to students as well as members of the Maryville community.

"I think a lot of people probably know her because she has won a lot of awards," Taylor said. "That has gotten the attention of a lot of people who are not necessarily country music fans."

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Russian journalist discusses Commonwealth life

Notkin says privatization of industry is key to economic survival in CIS

By DON MUNSCH
Missourian Staff

Times in the Commonwealth of Independent States are going to change drastically in the future, according to Russian journalist Boris Notkin.

Notkin, host of "Good Evening Moscow," the most watched program in what was the Soviet Union, spoke at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center Monday, March 30.

With his country in political turmoil and suffering economic collapse, he said the most pressing issue to Russians today is privatization of industries.

"Everything is still owned by the

state. It's still very difficult to overcome traditions," he said, indicating factories and universities are still operated by the government.

"Privatization is needed. Without it, there will be failure. Absolute failure. How to privatize my country? That, I don't know."

Notkin said the tradition of living in a totalitarian state for so many years will hinder the efforts of reforms, known commonly as "perestroika." He said there are not many people who remember living in a democratic system since the communist regime was in power for nearly 75 years.

Notkin said only 2 percent of Russian lands are currently in private hands; conversely, 60 percent of its

military industries are privatized.

However the case, Notkin said the biggest aversion to privatization is the current economic leaders who do not want to lose their influence by opening up their markets to foreign investments and new ideas.

"Democratic leaders know that once their lands are opened up to private farmers or foreign interests, they will lose their power," he said.

Another problem hindering economic reforms is the enterprisers who have the resources available. He said those who have the most money are either underground/mafia elements or dishonest people who launder their money.

Notkin said the most efficient way to run the economy would be to put the system in the hands of those who previously ran the businesses. There should be no change, he said, except

to rid itself of incompetent elements, of which there are many.

One other thing which could effect life in the CIS is the sale of nuclear weapons to unsavory interests - namely Iran and Iraq. If the CIS sells weapons to these countries, it puts the West in a bind in the way it views change in the struggling new nation, Notkin said.

"The West would rather see a military dictatorship in Russia than a country out of control who may sell weapons to Iran and Iraq," he said.

Russia has also had it's problems with the declining value of the ruble, the monetary unit of exchange.

"Anyone who would take rubles for dollars should be medically examined," he said, illustrating just how devalued the ruble has become.

Notkin went on to say the current system rewards workers unjustly for their work. For instance, without knowing how much a ruble is worth in American dollars, Notkin said a coal miner makes 30,000 rubles a month but a college professor makes less than

1,000. At fault for this disparity is the government's fair of enterprises - in this case, the coal miners - who have the ability to strike or create work/production shortages.

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Boris Notkin
Russian journalist

Voters to decide future of new pool

By ANNE LARSON
Missourian Staff

On Tuesday, April 7, Maryville citizens will be heading to the polls. The up-coming elections involve the race for city council, the R-II school board and a special proposition to replace the city's dwindling pool.

The candidates for the school board who are running for a three-year term are Robert Colville, John Burgess, Robert Martin and David Smith.

The candidates for city council are Jeff Funston, Dale Mathes, Patricia Cummings and Darla Estes.

A major addition to the election is the placement of the proposal for the Family Aquatic Center on the ballot, by the Maryville Parks and Recreation Department.

The proposal is a \$1.9 million project to replace the city's old pool. If approved, construction would begin in late August with a scheduled opening by Memorial Day 1993.

Dave Gieseke, a board member of the Parks and Recreation for the past two years, explained the need for this proposal.

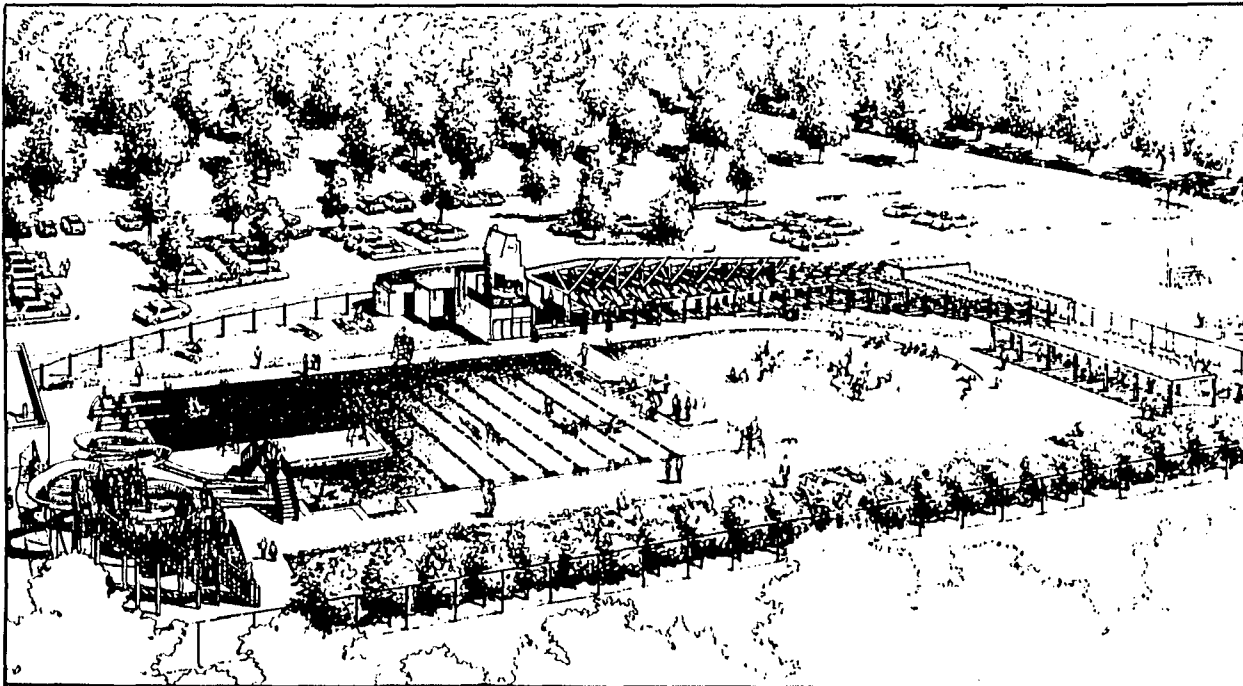
"The pool is over 35 years old, and in 1989 the Park's board had an evaluation and gave it a life expectancy of 5 years," Gieseke said. "We then looked at different functions from repairing the old pool to building a new one."

The Parks and Recreation Department did not decide to build a new pool immediately. They first went around comparing pools and a few months ago they hired an architect.

The company of Shaughnessy, Fickel and Scott came up with the proposal.

Gieseke said there were many reasons to go with the construction of the new center.

"The current pool doesn't offer recreational facilities or entertainment, with the new pool it would offer entertainment with the water



slides and the diving boards," Gieseke said.

The other advantages to the center are it will be handicapped accessible, have diving capabilities, two water slides, jets and fountains and the pool

would be heated. The current pool contains none of these features.

The board has been promoting the new pool throughout Maryville and surrounding communities since they will be the main contributors to the

success of the center.

"The public's opinion toward the proposal has been good, we may get some people who are optimistic about it, but overall the response has been good," Gieseke said.

ANNUAL COST TO TAXPAYER FOR NEW POOL

| Home Value | Property Tax |
|---------------|--------------|
| \$45,000 | \$25.10 |
| \$60,000 | \$33.47 |
| \$85,000 | \$47.41 |
| \$100,000 | \$55.78 |
| \$115,000 | \$64.15 |
| Vehicle Value | Property Tax |
| \$5,000 | \$4.89 |
| \$8,000 | \$7.83 |
| \$10,000 | \$9.79 |
| \$12,000 | \$11.74 |
| \$15,000 | \$14.68 |
| \$18,000 | \$17.62 |

Source: Maryville Parks and Recreation

OUR VIEW

Voting 'yes' to proposed aquatic center increases recreation opportunities

Discussion of the lack of viable entertainment for the people of Maryville and Northwest students is not a new one. However, the future is looking brighter for activities in Maryville.

First, Fifth District Rep. Everett Brown's bill supporting creation of a state park at the Mazingo Creek Watershed Project has cleared the House Committee on State Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources.

Second, Maryville residents have the opportunity to vote for the Maryville Parks and Recreation's proposed Family Aquatic Center Tuesday, April 7.

The new center would cost \$1.9 million as opposed to the \$1.5 million needed to update the current pool. In other words, for an extra \$4 million, the city can turn the old rundown pool into a bona fide recreational center.

The old pool, located in Beal Park, was constructed in 1955 with a 35-year life expectancy. It currently provides summer jobs and recreation for Northwest students. But, the pool is in a sad state of disrepair. Besides providing a place to swim and tan, the pool does not offer such extras as diving boards, which were removed in 1988 because of liability concerns when they did not meet national diving well depth guidelines.

The pool does not meet regulations in several other areas including all Missouri Health Department recommendations and American Disabilities Act of 1992 regulations.

While some may balk at such a proposal due to the timing since the nation is in a recession, the necessity of updating the pool, one of the few recreational places in the city, is more important.

Besides a new pool, the aquatic center would have features including zero-depth entry, handicap accessibility, two water slides, diving boards and a pool heater. The pool would also feature eight 25-meter swim lanes as opposed to the current six, spray fountains and benches in the water.

The pool area, which now consists of a deck with a small area specifically for children with little shade would feature grass deck areas, shade structures, a new bathhouse, concessions and mechanical room and a new parking lot and safety drop off area.

As with all proposals, what area taxpayers look at is the cost. The old pool, due to mechanical and structural deterioration, has lost money six of the last seven years. The proposal calls for property tax increases. For example, this would be less than a \$50 increase for those who own houses valued at \$85,000 and less than a \$12 increase for those who own vehicles valued at \$12,000. This is a low price to pay to update and improve the pool so dramatically.

If the proposal is passed, the \$3 daily pass to the aquatic center is comparable to the other Maryville entertainment offers, such as video rental, bowling and going to the movies. For those interested, individual and family passes would offer even lower per-day prices.

The young and old, Maryville residents and college students alike can enjoy the benefits of an entirely new pool complex. Parents can take comfort in the updates which include a new drop-off area and a heated pool for morning swim lessons. Students can take advantage of the water slides and diving boards as well as deck areas.

Voting "yes" for the proposed aquatic center could also help the city in another area. Since research at other new aquatic centers shows attendance should double if all the improvements are made, the proposal would bring extra revenue into the Maryville community.



'Trials of Life' commercial too explicit, lacks taste

In this day and age, I seem to object to very few things on television. This is probably true because the plethora of sitcoms on TV are geared to be "the least objectionable" they can. The fact I watch significantly less TV than I used to may also come into play.

Recently, however, something on television has raised my ire, and it isn't even a show—it's a commercial. I admit I'm a "flipper." I zip through every channel while the one I'm watching is advertising, and although I watch little TV compared to what I used to, I always seem to find "The Trials of Life" commercial for Time/Life Books on Superstation TBS.

If you haven't had the distinct "pleasure" of viewing this commercial, it graphically shows life and death as experienced by numerous animal species in the wild. While the sell is that you can experience nature unobstructed as it really happens, the

commercial itself is enough to turn my stomach.

Seeing wildebeests chomping on a gazelle might be a common occurrence on documentaries the Discovery Channel or TBS might air, but I'm surprised TBS shows these graphic Time/Life ads.

Also, they just don't seem to be the "politically correct" kind of commercial Ted Turner would show. This is the same guy, after all, who is into saving the environment. Somehow these commercials don't seem to fit in with that theme.

Before you accuse me of having a weak stomach and living in a fairy tale, I know animals engage in life and death struggles constantly in the wild. But that's just it—in the wild. It bothers me Time/Life takes its cameras over to Africa or into the desert or into a swamp, films these violent acts and sells them to America for profit.

I don't doubt there's an audience

for material like this, however, when I hear people shriek with delight at the prospect of renting "Faces of Death," on which people's expressions are captured on film moments before they die, I get a bit disgusted. In case you are wondering, I know for a fact others feel the same way I do. TV Guide recently put the commercial down in its "Cheers 'n' Jeers" section.

Surprisingly, I don't think Time/Life should pull their ads.

But I definitely think they should be edited. You can show the chase between a cheetah and an antelope and let the mind finish off the kill, rather than showing the cheetahs tearing up the antelope.

Believe it or not, Americans aren't stupid and they don't need to see the gore to buy.

But there is something still known

CAMPUS VOICE

Should those who send harassing electronic mail messages be punished?

"Yes, because it is like any form of harassment. E-Mail is similar to a phone system and if you make harassing phone calls, the authorities are notified."

—Jeff Bishop, senior



"Yeah, that's a woman's violation of her privacy. That is how rapists start out—start out small, next thing you know they do the full act."

—Chevelle Walker, junior



"Yes, I feel they should have their rights taken away because the E-mail system is to relay positive information, it is not for negative things which people are using it for. They should be punished for doing that."

—Horace Tisdell, freshman



"Yeah, I think so because I would not want to get it in the mail myself. It is intruding on people's privacy and their lives."

—Lisa Amundson, junior



A Closer Look

MARSHA HOFFMAN

as good taste, and the ads as they are definitely qualify as being made with extremely poor taste.

In addition, children are more than likely watching and while the ads reflect both life and death for animals, children will more than likely be confused by the birth and horrified by the death.

So, Time/Life, clean up your act and keep in mind less is sometimes better where graphic violence is concerned.



The Stroller Your Man questions campus quirks

Names are usually a pretty good indication of what a person is all about. Sarah's are usually sweet and huggable while Bula's may be a bit more harsh and brutal. Well, since my god-given name is Stroller, you know what I do best: eat. No, just joshin', I stroll!

So on the only dry, yet freezing day of this glorious week (and of course the only day I worked) I decided to do just that—stroll the grounds of Northwest. I wanted to take a look into the eccentricities of our fine campus and see the things that really set us apart from any other institution in the nation.

Your Hero started his trek by Phillips Hall. It was a particularly windy day so the wind current whipping through the Tundra was exceptionally rough. While standing there for only a few seconds, I had the joyous opportunity to witness three girls getting bowled over and start rolling like tumble weeds in those old western movies.

After a chuckle, Your Crusader continued on his merry way between North and South Complexes. What are all those buildings between there for anyway?

I'd venture to say the average Bobby or Betty Bearcat wouldn't have a clue. Well, neither does Your Man.

So why don't we just keep it that way.

I also noticed the canopy, which Tower Hall serves as, between Douglas and Cook Halls. Nervousness creeps deep into my bones each time I'm forced to enter underneath there. Is this safe? With so many residents on top of it, and all girls for that matter, isn't there ANY risk in it collapsing? Just writing about it has already turned me jittery. I think I shall opt for a different path the next time I'm on a food run in that area of campus.

My next observation was the big Bobby Bearcat on the facade of the J.W. Jones Student Union. Excuse me for being disloyal, but our depiction of Bobby is not very complimentary to our school. Why does he have that stupid sweater on anyway? And why does it still say NWMSU instead of NWMSU? Is there a hotline I can call to get some of these intense questions answered?

If so, I'd also ask if Bobby has a history of hemorrhoid problems. Have you checked out the grimace on his face and the kink in his spine? How could anyone walk like that?

Right now, set down this newspaper (well, not yet) and get in the position of our beloved mascot. OK, now, bend the knees a little, put one foot forward, double up your fists and

get that nasty Bearcat look on your face with the curled eyebrow. This same position was probably used as an ancient torture stance for criminals who hadn't paid their installment debt on time. That's before they turned off your Validine cards, I guess.

Another irritation, if not a repulsion, I noticed was those weird pipes that stick out of the ground and emit steam in big billowy clouds. I thought it would be nice and warm and probably smell like freshly-burned grass or something equally as pleasing.

In fear that my stomach may rumble its sick call again, I will not tell you in explicit detail exactly how wrong I was. But as a safe warning, do not breathe in deeply when you walk into those particular clouds of enchantment.

While walking, I also encountered a few problems as far as a steady walking surface was concerned. Our campus is ever so conveniently without sidewalks in the most logical of spots necessary!

So, they (the sidewalk gods) try making up for it with those little wood chip paths. No, this just doesn't cut it. Either it's the real McCoy, or...or...well, I don't know, but pavement would just be real nice, OK? It's usually worse to walk on the wood

chip trails than just the actual mud itself.

I digress into my complaining self. Do forgive.

"The truth shall set you free."

This phrase, on the front of the Administration Building, is another famous facade decoration. Now really, how true is this? How many times have you told the truth only to get in more trouble than if you had fibbed.

"Teacher, I must tell the truth. I looked on my neighbor's paper during the entire mid-term exam and that is why I got that 100 percent."

The obvious response: "Expulsion."

Well, I guess in a way the truth had set me, er, I mean the culprit free. Odd analysis, but true.

If the truth be known, I reached the end of my excursion at the Administration Building, because they soon recognized me as the infamous dodger of the renowned deferment plan. I was snatched up with checkbook in hand.

So, you shall be set free from this week's edition of the Stroller and the University of Doom. Don't forget to stay tuned next week when we will hear our fearless Campus Hero ask, "Excuse me ladies, is this shower taken?"

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Letters to the Editor

'Be watchful'

Dear Editor,

Let me explain. I'm one of those people who likes to travel and drive, drinking a good cup of coffee. But, every 100 miles or so, there had better be a rest area. Last December during a three-day holiday, Pat and I decided to go down to Osage Beach and visit my brother and our eldest son and his family. Well, of course, I had my coffee and was ready to travel.

Now approximately 25 miles east of Kansas City on I-70 is a nice rest stop with full facilities. We pulled in to park. Three spaces down were two young men working on an old pickup. I never thought much about it until I started to walk toward the restroom. One young man came over to me and asked if I could spare a few dollars. They were out of gas and trying to get back to Kansas City. While I was talking with one young man the other was watching me. I gave him \$5, and he thanked me. I went on to the restroom. Pat was still in the truck with the doors locked. While I was in the restroom, the young man also asked for money from several people who had pulled in after Pat and I.

I've never worried too much about being mugged, but after this happened I am going to be a lot more observant. This could have had tragic results. Times are hard for a lot of people.

When I travel to the Ozarks I always have several firearms locked up in my tool box. My son and I do target practicing on the farm. But, from now on one handgun will be in the cab of the truck. I've always been a law-abiding citizen and in Missouri carrying a concealed weapon is against the law. However, the criminals also know this.

There is a concealed handgun bill being discussed in Jefferson City now. I'm one who will support this concealed weapon law. I want to be within the law when I stop at a rest area and slip a handgun in my jacket.

Folks, be alert when you stop at rest areas. I sure will be next time.

R.D. Stites, NRA member

Concealed weapon law needed

Dear Editor,

I'm responding to Marsha Hoffman's article on stricter gun control.

There are over 20,000 gun laws in our nation, and they haven't stopped crime. Washington, D.C. has some of the toughest gun control laws in the United States and also one of the highest crime rates. Sadly, criminals don't worry about obeying gun laws or waiting periods—most of them acquire their guns illegally. What we need are stricter laws for criminals, not more gun control.

According to a recent article in the Washington Post, professor Gary Kleck's (author of "Point Blank: Guns and Violence in America") research shows that handguns were used for defense against criminals by citizens some 645,000 times in 1990 and in less than 1 percent of those cases did the criminal manage to turn the guns against their owners. The National Crime Survey shows that 30 percent of home burglaries result in violence. Justice Department studies show that armed citizens are much less likely to suffer losses or personal injury from thieves.

When statistics say that one in three women will be raped, robbed or assaulted in their lifetime, wouldn't you rather be armed? Doesn't it make sense to let honest, qualified citizens carry concealed weapons as protection and as a deterrent to crime?

If there had been a law allowing citizens to legally carry concealed weapons in Killeen, Texas, maybe 23 people would not have died.

Dan Alsop

Where is Campus Safety?

Dear Editor,

Do you know where your Campus Safety officers are? Well, at 4:25 a.m. Thursday, March 26, at least one Campus Safety officer was found in the Motel 8 parking lot nearly three miles from campus. Two friends of mine and I were returning to Maryville at this time, when we observed a Campus Safety patrol car parked in the Motel 8 parking lot, on the outskirts of Maryville. When, in a friendly manner, I asked if he "was keeping campus safe," he replied, "I don't think what I am doing here is any of your business." Then, pointing toward the roadway, he gave one simple command: "Go," as if my friends and I were canine companions who should be expected to tuck our tails between our legs and slink off like nothing had ever happened.

This type of behavior from our Campus Safety officers infuriates me. There seems to be plenty of time to sit in a parking lot doing nothing, give parking tickets to those who, in my opinion, don't deserve them, and stand in the local ASAP convenience store chatting, but not enough time to catch the people who are raping, molesting and assaulting the students at this University. Nor is there time to patrol parking areas to keep people from breaking into my car to steal my stereo and personal possessions. I guess if that is all that ever happens to me while attending this University, I will be very lucky.

I feel if Campus Safety is understaffed and "is doing the best it can" under the circumstances, there wouldn't be time for sitting in parking lots and watching the traffic go by.

Something must be done about the status of student safety on this campus. As long as Campus Safety is here to guard Motel 8 and ASAP, I will not feel safe. When I actually see a car respond to my call that suspicious persons are loitering in the parking lot, or when my stolen stereo is recovered, I might feel safer.

William W. Holmes

Help 'Mom, Dad' Northwest fight budget crunch

The recent reduction in Northwest's state funding has created tension across our campus. For a majority of the students we worry about how the reduced budget will affect our education and our learning environment. But as students, I feel we have to quit complaining and start contributing to the solution.

Let's assume for a moment we are secure in our humble little home (Northwest) right here in the heart of Maryville. Every day our parents come home from work with bread and water to feed us and our 5,844 other brothers and sisters. Let's further assume that one day our parents' boss (the state), decides to reduce our parents' salary. Our parents were not expecting this cut, in fact they were

expecting more money (state funds) this year. The humble, little home has therefore become more humble. The parents (instructors) and the children (students) become very upset because they know they might not have the things they had such a short time ago. Some of the children decide to ignore the problem and others turn to mom and dad to find a solution. Either way, the children find themselves contributing to the overall problem instead of helping to solve it.

Then after months of debating, one of the children stands up and suggests, "Why don't we do all we can to help mom and dad Northwest save money, instead of complaining about it." The child has a good point. If all the children worked together, by

being less destructive and taking pride in Northwest, then mom and dad Northwest might save more money. The home could then return to normal.

The point I am trying to make is the University has to pay thousands of dollars to fix, clean and replace things. If Northwest did not have to allocate money to these repairs, then it could use these funds for other programs.

Students also need to realize a portion of our tuition goes to replacing the things destroyed in the residence halls and academic buildings. Each day I see light fixtures and windows broken, things stolen and University property destroyed.

The state has issued Northwest a reduced budget to work with, and as

Guest Column

Student

GARY PILGRIM

a whole we need to overcome these reductions.

So the next time you break something or see someone else destroying University property, think about how everyone's tuition could go up as a result...if your real mom and dad were in a financial crunch, would you walk around the house and break things for them to replace? Probably not.

Special Olympics exciting for athletes, volunteers

As I sat in the gymnasium of Brown Hall, I witnessed something that goes on year-round every Wednesday. It is something truly special that goes on day and night throughout the world. This something special is the training of Special Olympics athletes, both young and old.

Over 30 local athletes train weekly in events such as basketball, bowling and track and field. The athletes are assisted in training by volunteers.

Volunteer Joe Towers, a junior education major, said volunteering has made him change his attitude about persons with mental retardation.

"I thought volunteering would be a hassle, but I enjoy it and have a lot of fun," he said.

Practice is now geared toward the upcoming regional track and field meet that will be held Saturday, April 4, in St. Joseph.

I watched as the athletes entered Brown Hall. They greeted their coaches and volunteers with smiles, hugs and plenty of inside jokes. It was obvious the volunteers shared a special bond with these athletes.

Volunteers vary from week to week, as most of them are fulfilling requirements for Introduction to Special Education.

The training session soon got underway with stretching exercises done by both the athletes and the volunteers. The athletes had smiles on their faces, as well as looks of concentration while they exercised. The volun-

teers were there to assist the athletes with the activities they were doing.

Soon they divided into groups and either worked on arts and crafts or practiced various track and field events. The athletes joked with one another, shared stories and enjoyed getting ready for their upcoming events. They know they cannot all win medals at the regional meet, but they will share in the excitement of participating and knowing they all will come home winners.

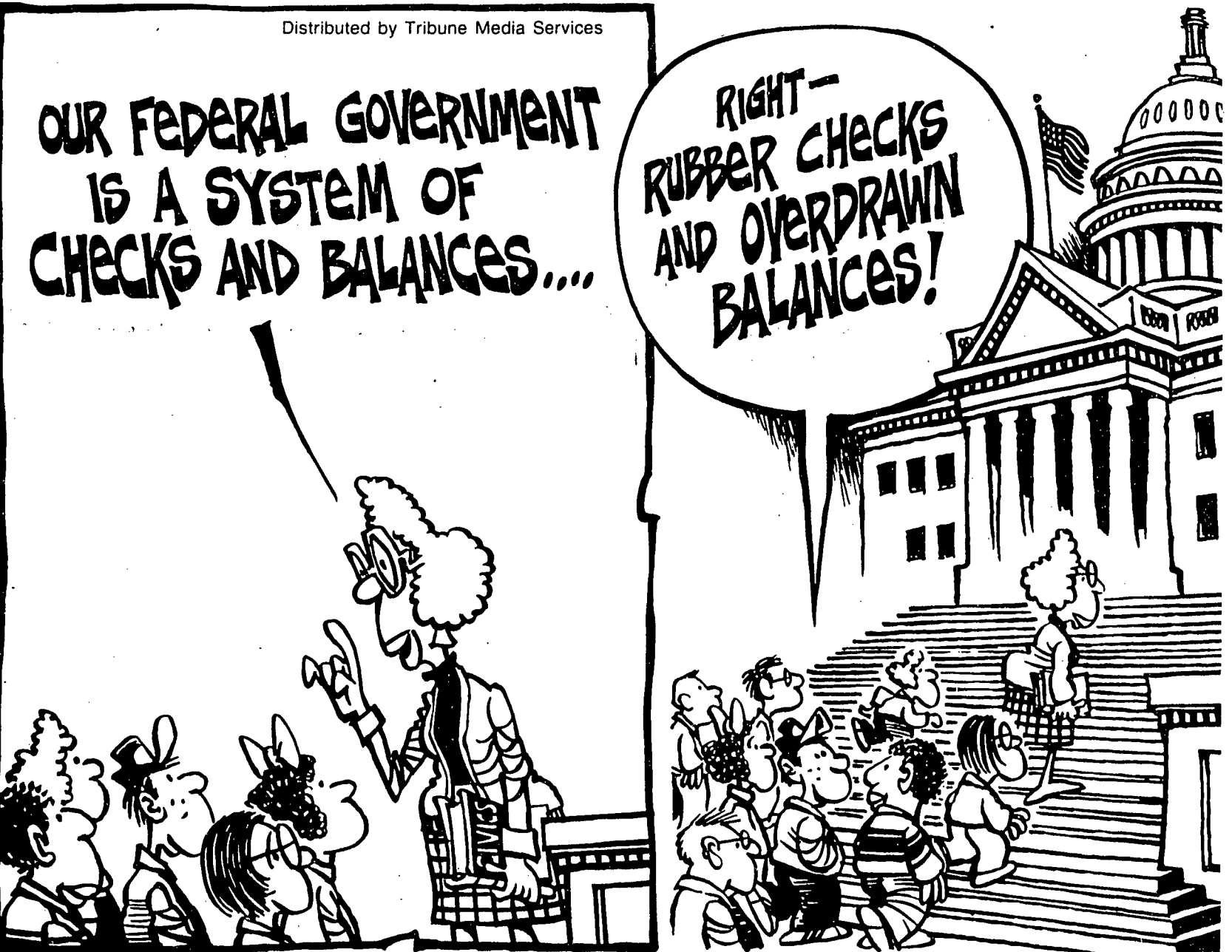
Special Olympics volunteer Frank Honn, a sophomore elementary and special education major, said he believes working with these athletes is "rewarding and gives you a good feeling for doing it. It makes you feel better about yourself."

Guest Column

Student

NIKKI CLEMENTS

The Maryville area is in need of volunteers, drivers and coaches. If you would like to learn more about how to get involved, you may contact Dr. Gerald Wright at the School of Education. Support is needed to help these special athletes live up to the Special Olympics oath... "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."



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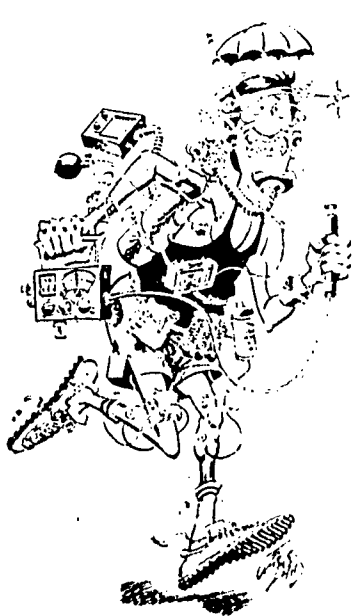
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NEWS SHORTS

UNIVERSITY

College to hold convocation: The College of Arts and Humanities will hold its annual honors convocation at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5, in Charles Johnson Theater.

During the honors convocation, students from the college's various academic departments will receive scholarships and other honors. The College of Arts and Humanities include the departments of art, English, history/humanities, mass communication, music, speech and theater.

Robert Sunkel, professor of art, is the dean of the College of Arts and Humanities. Dr. Richard Bobo, chairman of the music department, is coordinating the event. Dr. Virgil Albertini, professor of English, will be the master of ceremonies.

Art teachers display work: Elementary and secondary art teachers in Missouri, Kansas and Iowa will display their own works throughout April at the DeLuce Gallery.

The fourth annual Mid-America Juried Elementary and Secondary Art Teachers' Exhibition will go on display Monday, April 6, and run through Friday, April 24.

The teachers will display artwork in a variety of media. The work included in the exhibit was selected by Dr. Steve Thunder-McGuire of the University of Iowa.

Financial assistance for this project has been provided by the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency and the department of art.

Business executives to speak: Two prominent business executives will be the featured speakers during Executive-in-Residence Day Monday, April 6.

John Ovel, president of Boatmen's First National Bank of Kansas City, and Leatrice McKissack, chief executive officer of McKissack & McKissack & Thompson of Nashville, Tenn., will both speak to faculty and students of the College of Business, Government and Computer Science, which is sponsoring the event.

The pair will make several classroom presentations throughout the day. Ovel will speak to accounting, finance, and economic students, while McKissack is scheduled to meet with marketing and management majors.

American music to be featured: Music by some of America's greatest composers will be featured next week in the third annual American Music Contest.

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, the men's music fraternity, is performing at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, in Charles Johnson Theater. The concert is free of charge.

The program was selected, rehearsed and managed solely by members of the fraternity. Both choral and instrumental music by American composers will be featured.

The concert will feature select small ensembles and original compositions by Northwest students, including winners of the Chemical Abuse Resource and Education songwriting competition.

MARYVILLE

Mozingo clears house committee: House Bill 1336, which Fifth District Rep. Everett Brown filed earlier this session, has cleared the House Committee on State Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources.

The bill would create a state park at Mozingo Creek Watershed Project in Nodaway County on 150 acres of land donated to the state by the city of Maryville.

Brown said the bill should be put on the House Calendar for first reading sometime in the next few weeks. If it is passed, the state park designation will go into effect July 1, 1995.

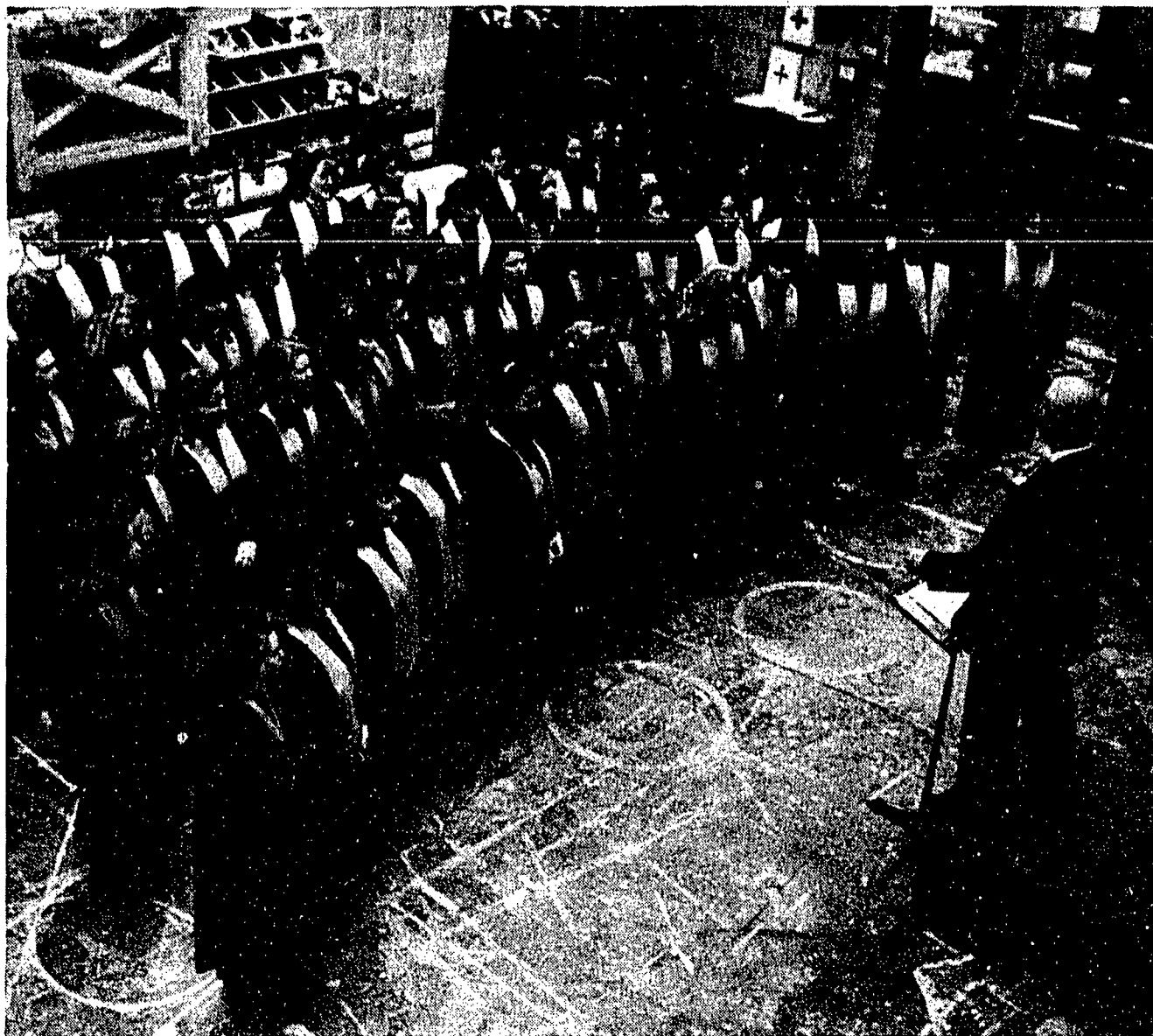
OTHER CAMPUSES

Former Celtic charged with deaths of students: Former Boston Celtic Charles Smith was convicted of two counts of vehicular homicide and two counts of leaving the scene of an accident in the deaths of two Boston University students last year.

Smith was acquitted of manslaughter, a more serious charge, as a result of the March 22, 1991, accident.

In its verdict March 12, the jury found Smith guilty of vehicular homicide while operating to endanger, rather than vehicular homicide under the influence of alcohol, the original charge against him. He was sentenced to 4 1/2 years in jail.

Smith, 24, a former Georgetown University basketball standout and member of the 1988 Olympic basketball team, hit and killed Michelle Dartley, 20, and An Trinh, 21, on a busy street near the university. (TMS)



Before taking the stage in competition, the Cameron High School Girls Glee warms up in the scene shop in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center Friday, March 27. Don Carrick/Photo Director

STATE

Body released, suspects charged: The Rev. Robert Moore said Platte County authorities released the body of his daughter early Friday, March 27.

Motorists found 22-year-old Robbin Moore lying alongside an isolated stretch of Missouri Highway 45 Sunday, March 22.

"I'm very much relieved," Moore said. "It took lots of pressure off us."

Moore had said Thursday, March 26, he and his family were distraught because authorities had not released the body, even though an autopsy had been completed Monday, March 23.

Robbin Moore was strangled March 14 or 15, and her body was dumped in a field near Wyandotte County Lake. Sometime later that week, the police think, her attacker and another man moved the body to the remote location west of Parkville.

Two men were charged Thursday in the killing. (Kansas City Star)

Dapron joins race: A 67-year-old St. Louis advertising executive with an eighth-grade education joined the race for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination Friday, March 27.

Elmer Dapron, who has never held elective office, said he had been preparing for the race for the last 10 years by carefully studying the state's needs and figuring out ways to help meet them.

Dapron, owner of Cornucopia Communications, is the fifth Democrat to file for the August primary. The early favorites are St. Louis Mayor Vince Schoemehl and Lt. Gov. Mel Carnahan.

Dapron said he would focus on improved agriculture, industrial development, education and health care.

He said his limited schooling might be an advantage in objectively determining the state's educational needs. (Kansas City Star)

NATION

Brown triumphs in Vermont: Former Calif. Gov. Jerry Brown dealt struggling front-runner Ark. Gov. Bill Clinton a second-straight setback Tuesday, March 31, beating him in Vermont's Democratic caucuses and gaining headway for the upcoming battle in New York.

With 86 percent of Vermont's precincts reporting, Brown had 46 percent of the vote and six delegates and Clinton came in with 17 percent of the vote and three delegates. Uncommitted Democrats accounted for 25 percent of the vote and Former Mass. Sen. Paul Tsongas, who has dropped out of the campaign, had 9 percent of the vote.

Going into the Vermont caucuses, Clinton had 1,015 of the 2,145 delegate commitments needed to claim the Democratic presidential nomination. Brown had 153.

President George Bush was unchallenged in the Vermont Republican town caucuses, winning 81 percent of the non-binding vote and 19 delegates with about half the GOP caucuses counted. The rest were uncommitted or scattered. (Kansas City Star)

Clinton says he experimented with marijuana: Ark. Gov. Bill Clinton acknowledged in a television debate with former Calif. Gov. Jerry Brown having used marijuana "a time or two" while he was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford University in England from 1968-69.

"It's none of your business," was Clinton's initial response to questions by the Arkansas news media. But as his campaign has unfolded, so have his answers.

When Clinton was asked if he had ever broken any state or international law, he replied, "I've never broken any state laws, and when I was in England, I experimented with marijuana a time or two. And I didn't like it, and I didn't inhale and I didn't try it again." (Kansas City Star)

WORLD

Foreign minister to quit Cabinet: Foreign Minister David Levy, the Israeli Cabinet's strongest champion of the U.S.-brokered Arab-Israeli peace talks, said he would resign. The move dealt Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir a potentially major setback three months before national elections. Levy's resignation does not take effect until 48 hours after he hands it to the Cabinet. (Kansas City Star)

CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT

March 23 1:49 p.m. A female reported her Gucci purse was taken from her residence hall room in Richardson Hall.

March 24 4:05 p.m. A female reported someone had scratched her 1989 Ford Thunderbird while it was parked in lot 26.

9:57 p.m. A male was reported to be having severe abdominal pain, dizziness and hyperventilating in Perrin Hall. The subject was transported to St. Francis Hospital by ambulance.

March 25 8:57 a.m. A female reported she had been receiving harassing phone calls.

9:31 a.m. Another female reported she had been receiving harassing phone calls.

March 26 5:13 a.m. A male reported someone had painted a derogatory statement on the information booth by Brown Hall.

8:02 a.m. A male reported someone had broken into Rickenbrode Stadium and painted statements in the mens restroom and on the outside of the press box.

12:01 p.m. A female reported she had been receiving harassing phone calls.

March 27 8:34 a.m. A male reported he had found a vehicle with a broken window. The owner was contacted and it appeared the window had been shot with a pellet or BB gun.

3:40 p.m. A female reported she had left her brown leather jacket in Garrett-Strong and when she returned for the coat it was gone.

March 28 12:06 a.m. A male reported someone had taken a TV from Dieterich Hall.

EVENTS

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

IFC meeting
Northwest Room, 4 p.m.

FMA meeting
243 Colden Hall, 4 p.m.

Panhellenic Council meeting
Stockman Room, 4:30 p.m.

Fellowship of the Tower
Stockman Room, 5:30 p.m.

Kathy Mattea in concert
MLPAC, 7:30 p.m.

Bible Study
Baptist Student Union, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Lab Series: "Home Free"
MLPAC Studio, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Future Teachers
of America Conference
Charles Johnson, 8 a.m.

Northwest Bicycling Club Ride
Union Patio, 9:30 a.m.

Lab Series: "Home Free"
MLPAC Studio, 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Catholic Mass
University Club North, 10:30 a.m.

Northwest Bicycling Club Ride
Union Patio, 1:30 p.m.

College of Arts and Humanities
Honors Assembly
Charles Johnson, 2 p.m.

Salad Bar Dinner
Wesley Center, 6 p.m.

Star Trek/Sci-Fi Club meeting
Stockman Room, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 6

1992 Homecoming Committee
meeting
228 Colden Hall, 4 p.m.

CAPs meeting
Northwest Room, 4:30 p.m.

PI Beta Alpha meeting
Governor's Room, 5:30 p.m.

Tau Kappa Epsilon meeting
Northwest Room, 6 p.m.

ISO meeting
Stockman Room, 6 p.m.

Sigma Phi Epsilon meeting
University Club North, 6:30 p.m.

ABC meeting
Stockman Room, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

North District Business Contest
Conference Center, 7 a.m.

Northwest Bicycling Club Ride
Union Patio, 5:30 p.m.

Sigma Society meeting
Brown Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Northwest Bicycling Club meeting
Stockman Room, 7:30 p.m.

American Music concert
Charles Johnson, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

X-106 Spring Thaw
Bell Tower, 5 p.m.

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Juniors take part in test, fill catalog requirement

By T.J. JENKINS
Missourian Staff

The 1991-92 Undergraduate Academic Catalog states all students may be required to take a test to measure general education achievements. In January, 1,000 juniors were asked to participate in an assessment.

Students who did not fulfill this requirement to Northwest were sent a second letter stating they may take care of their obligations for their advanced standing assessment project by going to the Talent Development Center in Wells Hall March 3 and 4. The consequences for not participating in the assessment include the blocking of registration or pre-registration of the non-participants until the obligation is taken care of.

"We had about 150 that did not take the assessment seriously," Dr. Patt VanDyke, assessment coordinator, said. "Most students decide their major during their junior year. This

will let us know how much writing our students are doing and if it is spread evenly, so they are not writing all the time in a semester, then little or none the next. It gives us a pattern of course that our students have been taking."

According to VanDyke, when looking at a curriculum, there needs to be good, solid information. She said the Talent Development Center is looking at computing and writing, how Northwest is doing in those areas and if there should be a University board on writing quality.

When doing this assessment, the Talent Development Center included everyone with junior status last semester. A list was then randomly generated. The list was separated into different groups. Each group had a different subject for the assessment.

Of the 1,000 juniors participating, 100 took a science reasoning test, 100 took a national mathematics test, 100 took a local math test, 50 took a

writing test, 50 took a critical thinking test and the remaining students completed an audit on the use of the computer in its relationship to student's use.

"I thought it was pretty easy, it did not take any time at all," Darin Johnson, senior, said. "It only took about 20 minutes and I took it in between my classes. It seemed like the toughest part about the whole thing was trying to remember my class numbers."

Some thought nothing of the second letter, which warned students of the consequences of not participating in the assessment.

"I thought I could just throw it away when I first received my letter," Lori Clement, junior, said. "Then I heard in one of my classes that it was mandatory to take it. I did not want to get to the end of my senior year and have the University tell me that I could not graduate, so I went ahead and took it."

Administrator returns to duties

Gose back after serious illness

By TONYA RESER
Associate Editor

Warren Gose, vice president for Finance, recently returned to work following a stay at the Mayo Clinic after being diagnosed with histoplasmosis.

Gose has been working part-time a few hours in the morning followed by a two-hour lunch and relaxation break and then returning to the University to complete more work. He hopes to return full-time in a couple of weeks or as soon as he is strong enough to do so.

He still meets with the doctors in town, takes oral antibiotics and visits the lab for tests twice a week. Some of the antibiotics are causing side effects which need to be monitored; therefore, the testing is mandatory.

"I think I feel better everyday," Gose said.

He still has problems doing everyday activities like picking up certain objects because the weight he lost during his hospitalization was mostly muscle.

"My wife has been doing a lot of the things I normally could do but recently have not been able to," he said. "Our son, who is a senior here at Northwest, has been helping out a lot, too."

The staff filled in for Gose by

taking on the extra work-load while he was gone.

"My staff here did an excellent job," Gose said. "I couldn't have expected things to be in better shape. Not only my staff in the office pulled through but the various directors around campus put in a lot of effort to help, also."

Gose said he enjoys being back. "It is just great to be home," he added. "I enjoy working, so it is nice to be back."

This was Gose's first hospitalization since his senior year at the University of Kansas.

"I think we all take good health for granted," Gose said. "Those who have good health should really appreciate it."

Gose has served the University for 12 years.



Warren Gose



Members of Phi Sigma Kappa partake in a buffet Saturday, March 28, as part of their regional Conclave. The weekend event was a chance for area members to get to know each other. Don Carrick/Photo Director

Fraternity hosts regional Conclave

By ANNE BACA
Missourian Staff

Phi Sigma Kappa, a social fraternity on campus, hosted their regional Conclave for all chapters within their province March 27-29.

The chapters attending were Northeast Missouri State University, Missouri Western State College, Central Missouri State University, Southwest Missouri State University, Southeast Missouri State University and Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla. Approximately 50 to 60 members of Phi Sigma Kappa attended Conclave.

"The Conclave allows different chapters to exchange information and ideas," senior Brad Burrows, Conclave coordinator, said. "It also gives the newer guys an opportunity to learn about the fraternity."

During the Conclave, sessions were available on different areas of concern and situations the chapters encounter during a regular business day.

Some speakers presented topics such as chapter public relations, effective ways to Rush, alumni relations, chapter liability and substance abuse.

According to Todd Keiser, sopho-

more, the sessions were beneficial and offered valuable information.

"One of the sessions, which was on alumni relations, focused on the importance of alumni even though they are already gone," Keiser said. "It showed us how alumni can help on networking and possible contacts in the future."

The Conclave has an overall goal, which is the basic sharing of ideas with the other fraternities.

"Basically the Conclave is not only a chance to meet brothers through other chapters, but also a chance to achieve some consistency throughout all the chapters," senior Mike Perry, province vice-president, said. "It also allows us to share ideas and learn from each other."

The regional Conclaves are held every other year opposite the year of the national convention.

National conventions are held in the summer and Conclave is held while school is in session. While

attending the National Convention in St. Louis last summer, the provincial president decided Northwest would be the site of this spring's Conclave.

According to Byron Webster, Phi Sigma Kappa president, the regional Conclave benefits all participants and provides awareness of what is going on in the other chapters.

"I felt that Conclave provides an excellent chance for Phi Sigs across

the state to talk about problems as well as success stories and also learn how to handle problems when they arise," Webster said.

Tom Tysver, sophomore, experienced his first regional Conclave. He said he learned a

lot through the sessions and from the men in other chapters.

"I learned a lot about public relations and how other chapters operate," Tysver said. "I learned about the things we have in common and things we do differently. It was a great experience and I'm glad we had it here at Northwest."

According to Keiser, there was a main goal to accomplish at the Conclave which all the chapters focused on.

"The Conclave was very interesting. We were able to meet guys from all over and exchange ideas," Keiser said. "Even though we do some things different we all share a common goal, which is to be the best fraternity on campus."

Mattea

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Gieseke agreed adding students' response to the concert has been very good.

"Of the first 100 tickets we sold, 80 were to students," he said.

Gieseke said CAPs wanted to get someone who could utilize Mary Linn as opposed to Lamkin Gym.

"We felt a country singer would be more suited to perform at Mary Linn," Gieseke said.

CAPs decided to bring Mattea to Northwest after a survey, which appeared in the Northwest Missourian, indicated Kathy Mattea was the students' first choice as a country and western performer.

"Kathy Mattea was the No. 1 request for country and Sinbad was the number one comedian," Gieseke said.

According to Gieseke, CAPs decided to go after Mattea when they found she was going to be in area.

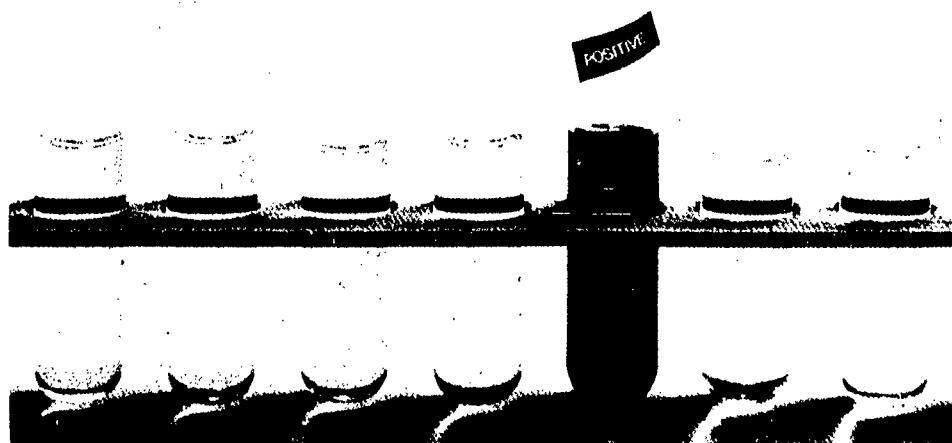
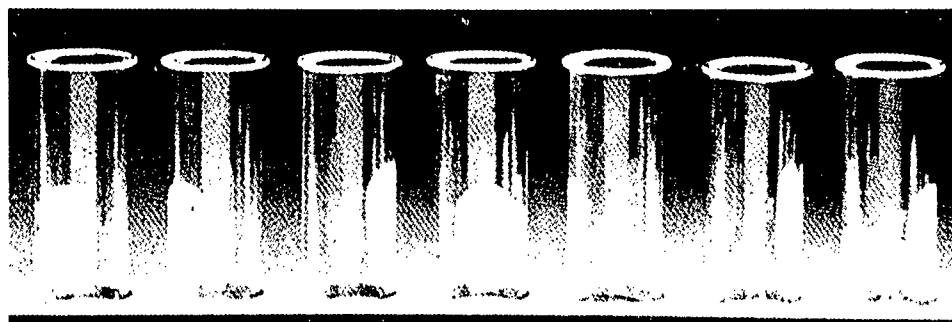
"She is going to be in Joplin on the fourth, and she was looking for a date in Missouri," Gieseke said. "This worked out really well for us and for her."

MISSOURIAN

The Northwest Missourian is now accepting applications for editor in chief and managing editor for the 1992-93 year.

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Non-Traditionals plan publication

By KIKI KUNKEL
Missourian Staff

The election of officers was the first order of business at the initial organized meeting of the Non-Traditional organization held Thursday, March 26.

Evelyn McNabb, a freshman non-traditional student, was elected chairperson and Sandy Smail, a freshman majoring in accounting, was nominated to be secretary/treasurer.

"I thought the meeting turned out to be very productive and we did get some things done, like set up a breakfast meeting," McNabb said. "It will be held from 8:30 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 14, in the Northwest Alumni room in the J.W. Jones Student Union. Anyone that is interested is welcome to come."

Other items discussed at the meeting included how much dues should be. They were proposed and agreed upon to be \$2 for the rest of the semester and \$3 for the following semester. The money from dues will cover the cost of mailings and a publication that will be sent out to new transfer students next fall.

According to Smail, the booklet will contain helpful hints.

"We are going to get together a newsletter that will have information ranging from housing to doctors to baby sitters for students transferring up here in the fall," Smail said. "We got the idea from our freshman seminar class where the whole class had to

compile a list of useful information for non-traditional students."

Issues that pertained to non-traditional students were also looked at and discussed.

"We want to have an impact as individuals on knowledge," McNabb said.

One issue, in particular, was legislation pending in Jefferson City pertaining to the college admission of non-traditional students.

According to McNabb, the legislature is trying to pass a law where if you do not have college prep classes in high school then you have to go to a junior college for two years before you can enter a four-year university. This also applies for the GED.

"We want to be an information base where we can find out this sort of information and write our congressman before it passes," McNabb said.

Another issue discussed was the formation of committees. Everyone volunteered to serve on the lobbying, information and support unit.

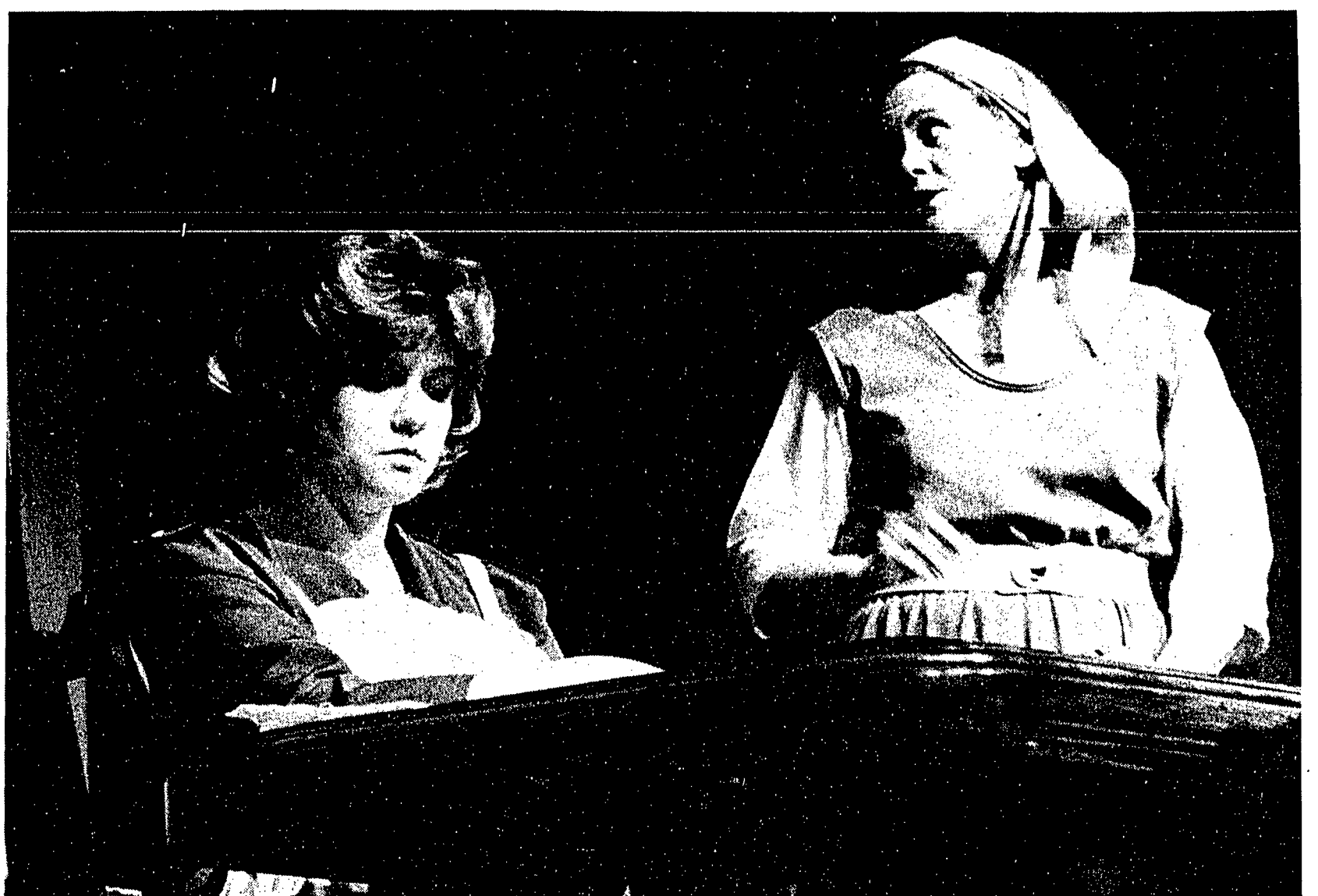
"The more people involved in these committees, the less work it will be for each individual," McNabb said.

Overall, the meeting was declared a success by those attending.

"It was an atmosphere of celebration," Susan Harrison, a geology/geography major, said. "We finally overcame a hurdle. We are closer to being recognized as other non-traditionals on other campuses statewide are like the University of Missouri in Columbia."



Non-Traditional students discuss a new publication at the group's first organizational meeting Thursday, March 26. The booklet will contain helpful hints for transfer students. Jon Britton/Assistant Photo Director



Members of the Robidoux Resident Theater perform "The Dining Room" Saturday, March 28, in the Charles Johnson Theater. The play was the last this semester sponsored by Northwest Encore Performances. Jon Britton/Assistant Photo Director

Robidoux receives mixed response

Family difficulties made humorous in A.R. Gurney's 'The Dining Room'

By KIKI KUNKEL
Missourian Staff

"No, Daddy, I didn't leave him for another man, I left him for another woman," the daughter said.

That was one of the scenes which took place in the play, "The Dining Room," performed on Saturday, March 28, in the Charles Johnson Theater.

"The Dining Room," the last play this semester sponsored by Northwest Encore Performances, was directed by Patricia Helsel.

The play was written by A.R. Gurney and performed by the Robidoux Resident Theater of St. Joseph for a small group including community members, college students and professors.

The comedy took place in a dining

room setting and focused on problems around the dining room table. The different topics included affairs, birthday parties, family dinners and a father who wanted to make it clear to his son what he wanted in his burial arrangements.

"I liked the writing of the play and how the author wrote it," Glen Jackson, instructor of speech, said. "The actors would exit through one doorway and enter through another in perfect sequence."

The six-member cast performed 22 different scenes. The parts ranged from older men and women to maids and children.

In one scene, the cast acted like small children who were at a birthday party. The mother, Peggy, was having an affair with Billy's father. He came into the dining room and they

started talking about their affair and how his wife suspected them. When it came to blowing out the candles on Wendy's birthday cake, Peggy took off her wedding ring and put it around the candle and they both made a wish.

Murphy, librarian at B.D. Owens Library, said. "It was interesting with the scenes rather than the plot."

Another scene focused around the father, who had made his burial plans so things would be just the way he

"I didn't like it all. You never knew if the person was a kid or adult."

Kim Kelly
Washington Middle School

wanted them to be after he died. He sat his son down in the dining room and told him where his obituary was and where he wanted his church service held. He also wanted his highest golf score made public after he died. The son listened and

agreed to the terms. Some people said they like plays with a plot better.

"The actors and actresses could have been a little louder but I enjoyed it," Donna Gutzmer, a community member, said. "However, I like a play with a plot better."

CEO to address business classes

Teacher left classroom for boardroom

By ANNE LARSON
Missourian Staff

Leatrice McKissack will be speaking to Northwest business students for Executive-in-Residence Day Monday, April 6. Throughout the day, McKissack will speak to business class students in Colden Hall, and at 7 p.m. at the University Conference Center.

Also speaking to the students is John Ovel, president of Boatmen's First National Bank of Kansas City.

McKissack is the Chief Executive Officer of McKissack, McKissack & Thompson, an architect and engineers firm out of Nashville, Tenn.

McKissack, McKissack & Thompson is an 87-year-old firm and is the oldest black architectural firm in the United States.

McKissack became CEO of her husband's firm after he became ill. She has continued in this capacity since 1983.

"She's an extremely qualified individual for entrepreneurship in that she runs her own small business," Dr. Ed Ballantyne, chairman of marketing and management, said.

"We are trying to establish a viable entrepreneurship program in the department of marketing and management," Ballantyne said. "She fits ideally to talk to our students on en-

trepreneurship because she is a true entrepreneur."

The entrepreneurship program has only been in existence for a couple of years, according to Ballantyne.

"We are hoping they gain from it the practical aspects of running your own company," Ballantyne said.

Before becoming CEO, McKissack was a math and science teacher for 17 years.

McKissack has received numerous awards throughout her career. Last Oct. 3, she was named National Female Entrepreneur of the Year. She was presented the award by President George Bush.

McKissack earned a bachelor of arts degree in math from Fisk University and a master of arts degree in psychology from Tennessee State University in Nashville.

Lab Series focuses on incest

By T.J. JENKINS
Missourian Staff

Two people in love sharing a small city apartment seems like a normal thing in today's society. But what if they are brother and sister?

That is part of the plot in "Home Free," the next play in the Theater Lab Series. It will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, and Saturday, April 4, in the studio at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Admission is \$1 and the play is recommended for mature audiences.

"It deals with incest, that's the only thing the audience might be grossed out by," Grant Kabrick, director, said.

"Home Free" is about Joanna Brown who was born with a heart condition. Her brother, Lawrence, has agoraphobia, the fear of public places. Both live fantasy lives with two imaginary people who sometimes haunt them more than help them. Joanna is pregnant with Lawrence's child.

"This kind of play appeals to me

more than plays like 'The Music Man' or 'The Devil and Daniel Webster,' Kabrick said. "When I go to see plays like 'Cats' I do not really learn anything about myself like I do when attend a type of dangerous play like 'Shadow Box.'"

Former Northwest student Mark Smeltzer plays Lawrence, while Lezlie Revelle, sophomore, takes on the role of Joanna. The two of them had been dating each other long before they became involved in the play.

"I wanted Mark to try out for the play because of all the talent he has. I knew he could do it," Revelle said.

Smeltzer agreed and added Revelle had "urged" him to audition.

"Lezlie and I have been going out for about a year and a half now," Smeltzer said. "She dragged me in to the auditions and I got the part."

After the performance, the audience will be allowed to ask questions.

"Seeing this play is an exposure to a part of human existence that many people are not aware of," Kabrick said.

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SIDELINES

BASEBALL

Games This Week

April 2 at Northeast Mo.
April 4 Washburn
April 5 Washburn
April 7 at Augustana
April 8 at Wayne State

MIAA Standings

Conference/Overall
(through March 23)

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|-------|
| Emporia State | 3-0 | 18-1 |
| Missouri Southern | 3-0 | 19-8 |
| Southwest Missouri | 2-0 | 13-11 |
| Central Missouri | 2-0 | 12-8 |
| Missouri-St. Louis | 2-1 | 9-7 |
| Pittsburg State | 1-2 | 9-15 |
| Missouri Western | 0-0 | 9-8 |
| Northwest | 0-0 | 8-11 |
| Washburn | 0-2 | 8-12 |
| Missouri-Rolla | 0-2 | 4-9 |
| Northeast Missouri | 0-3 | 7-7 |
| Lincoln | 0-3 | 3-14 |

Games Last Week

March 28
Northeast Mo. 5, Northwest 1

March 29
vs. Northeast, postponed
until April 1

March 31
Northwest 16, Morningside 14
Morningside 12, Northwest 2

SOFTBALL

Games This Week

April 3-4 at Mo. Southern Inv.

Tournaments This Week

MIAA North Division

In Emporia, Kan.

April 7 Washburn Univ.
Emporia State

Games Last Week

March 25
Simpson 11, Northwest 5
Simpson 11, Northwest 3

March 27
Northwest 4, Mo. Western 1
Northwest 3, Northeast 0
Washburn 1, Northwest 0

MEN'S TRACK

Meets Next Week

April 4 Northwest Invitational

WOMEN'S TRACK

Meets Next Week

April 4 Northwest Invitational

Southwest Missouri State Inv.
First-place Finishers
Saturday, March 28
Diane Cummings.....high jump
Jennifer Holdiman.....shot put

MEN'S TENNIS

Matches This Week

April 1 at Creighton
April 3 vs. Southeast Mo.
April 4 at Southwest Baptist
April 4 vs. Denver Univ.
April 6 Grandview College

Matches Last Week

March 27
Northwest 6, Drury 0

March 28
vs. Northeastern Okla., rained out

March 30
Northwest 9, Mo.-Kansas City 0

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Matches This Week

April 2 at Graceland College
April 3 vs. Southeast Mo.
April 4 vs. SW Baptist
April 4 at Drury College

Matches Last Week

March 27
Northwest 8, Lincoln Univ. 1

March 28
vs. Northeast. Okla., rained out

March 28
vs. Drury College, postponed
until April 4

March 31
Northwest 9, William Jewell 0

PLAYER WATCH

LEAH ERICKSON

Position: No. 5 Tennis Singles
Class: Senior

Major: Physical Education

Hometown: Clinton, Iowa

High School: Clinton High School



Leah Erickson topped Lisa Keith of Nebraska Wesleyan at No. 5 singles 6-0, 6-1 Monday, March 23, to set the Northwest women's career record of 58 singles wins. She broke the previous record, 57 wins, shared by Kelley Leintz and Amy Andersen, who played from 1985-88.

"I was surprised I received the MIAA player of the week," she said. "I didn't think I was playing all that well. I am playing okay this season. As a team we're doing great."



Bearkitten Lucy Caputo dives for the ball during her singles match against William Jewell College March 31. The women's team swept Jewell 9-0. Jon Britton/Assistant Photo Director

Women shut out Cardinals 9-0

Hard work paying off for Bearkittens as they improve team record to 11-2

By SUSAN LORIMOR
Missourian Staff

The Bearkitten tennis team shut out the William Jewell College Cardinals Tuesday, March 31, at a home match, 9-0, improving the team record to 11-2.

In the match, no singles or doubles players lost more than two games in a set.

"We proved to be real consistent and came through to win every match," sophomore Erin Schlegel said. "We did it for ourselves and everyone else on the team."

The Bearkitten's match with

William Jewell was their first in four days, since the matches to be held on Saturday, March 28, against Northeastern Oklahoma State University and Drury College were rained out.

"Everyone is just doing really well right now," Bearkitten head coach Mark Rosewell said. "Carmen Moots and Erin Schlegel had a really outstanding week this past week."

The 'Kittens last match was against Lincoln University on Friday, March 27, at the Frank Grube Courts in Maryville. The women beat Lincoln 8-1, with the only loss coming in the No. 1 doubles match, where Lucy Caputo and D'Ann Kirkpatrick were

defeated by Lincoln's Jocelyn Brown and Kelly Levy, 6-4, 4-6, 7-6.

Junior Julie Callahan blanked Levy in two sets, 6-0, 6-0. In the No. 2 spot, sophomore Julie Caputo overcame Brown 6-3, 6-3. Caputo played the only singles match that didn't end in a shutout.

"We were all confident before going into the match," Callahan said. "Lincoln lost a lot of its good players from last year, so they were a little weak."

Other 'Kitten winners included Kirkpatrick, 6-0, 6-0 over Lincoln's Christy Fulwider; Smith defeated Trish Snell, 6-0, 6-0; Moots, who wiped out Terri Nichols, 6-0, 6-0; and Erickson, who won by forfeit.

"Everybody played well," Kelly Smith said. "It helped to know that it

was a conference match."

Out of the 'Kittens' twelve matches played this season, only two have been against MIAA teams. Five of the others played have been against Division I teams. In those matches against Division I teams, the 'Kittens have won all but one match.

"We have done awfully well against Division I teams," Schlegel said. "Playing them has been an eye-opener, because you think of them as being tough."

"I tell myself the girl on the court is no better than I am," Smith said. "I build up my confidence so that when I go onto the court, I have a positive attitude, and I try to keep focused on that. I try to keep focused by blocking everything else out."

According to Rosewell, the first

step the team takes in preparing for a match is to arrive at the courts an hour before starting time.

"We just kind of loosen up, stretch out a little bit, work on ground strokes and serves," Rosewell said. "It's something we like to do, and I think it's an advantage because when we get ready play it gives us an edge."

The 'Kittens play Southwest Baptist University on Saturday, April 4, in Bolivar, Mo., and also a rescheduled match with Drury College in Springfield. They then will travel to Baldwin City, Kan., to play Baker University Tuesday, April 7.

In the upcoming matches, Callahan said the 'Kittens' opponents are "definitely beatable."

"It will be good competition," Callahan said.

Bearcats blank foes, raise streak to seven

By JODI PULS
Missourian Staff

After shutting out the University of Missouri-Kansas City 9-0, the Bearcat tennis team increased its winning streak to seven matches. The team's record is now 7-3 overall.

According to Bearcat head coach Mark Rosewell, both sophomores Bill Bobo and Adam Carroll played well. He added the match was special for Carroll because it was his 21st birthday.

In the No. 1 singles match, Bobo defeated Roger Lee 6-0, 6-0. In the No. 4 singles match, Carroll defeated Victor Arana 6-3, 6-3. Others winning singles matches include senior Mike Shane, sophomore Vesa Liikanen, junior Mark Ardizzone and junior Todd Shane.

The No. 1 doubles match was won by Bearcats Ardizzone and Mike Shane 6-3, 6-3. Liikanen and Todd Shane won the No. 2 doubles 6-0, 6-1, and with scores of 6-1, 6-3, Bobo and Carroll defeated UMKC in No. 3 doubles.

The Bearcats were scheduled to play Northeastern Oklahoma Saturday, March 27, but the match was cancelled due to rain. The 'Cats' match against Iowa State University

scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, was also cancelled because of rain.

"We can't make up the match with Northeastern, but we will try to make up the match with Iowa State at a later date," Rosewell said.

According to Ardizzone, the rain has affected the team's overall performance.

"We are a little rusty and sometimes it takes us a little more to get into the match, but since we are winning, our confidence is real high," Ardizzone said.

On Friday, March 27, the Bearcats defeated Drury College 6-0. According to Rosewell, the match went well. "We won that one pretty easy," Rosewell said.

In the match against Drury, no doubles matches were played. According to Rosewell, there are several reasons why doubles matches are not always played.

"Time is usually the problem, if you can get five points without the doubles, you can save that time," Rosewell said. "Since there are doubles in the conference championships, we want to play doubles, but sometimes we just are not able to."

The 'Cats will play Southeast Missouri State University Friday, April 3, in Bolivar.

NCAA Division II SMO is currently ranked No. 5 in the nation, and will be the Bearcats' first conference opponent this season.

"They are going to be pretty tough," Rosewell said. "They've got an outstanding team, and we have never beaten them in the past."

On Saturday, April 4, the Bearcats will play Denver University in Bolivar.

The 'Cats will return home Monday, April 6, to play Grand View College at 4 p.m. at the Frank Grube Courts.

"In any sport, it is an advantage to play at home," Rosewell said. "I would be disappointed if we didn't win."

Cheer time



Several Northwest students get into the spirit at cheerleader tryouts March 28-29. Don Carrick/Photo Director

'Cats halt losing skid, 16-14

By TERESA HOBBS
Assistant Editor

The Bearcat baseball team's losing streak came to a halt when they defeated Morningside College 16-14 in the first game of a doubleheader Tuesday, March 23, in Sioux City, Iowa.

"We played great the first game," junior infielder Rob Lamke said. "The lead changed about four times. We finally broke out of our hitting slump."

The game was difficult for the pitchers because of high winds.

"It was difficult for our pitchers because the wind was blowing really hard," Lamke said. "It was turning

what would normally be a fly ball into a homerun or a base hit."

The 'Cats were not able to capture a second win in the nightcap as Morningside cruised to win 12-2.

"We didn't put forth the same effort as the last game," Lamke said. "We just gave up after that. It was what was plaguing us at the beginning of the year. It's just a matter of not putting together seven solid innings."

The Bearcats dropped their first conference game Saturday, March 28, against the Northeast Missouri State University Bulldogs, 5-1. The game

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Fishing offers entertainment at little cost

Let It Ride



KELLEY VANGUNDY

One sport I really enjoy that often goes unrecognized is fishing. It doesn't cost much and is a great way to get outdoors.

Fishing is something I learned to do at a very young age. My dad and I could always be found somewhere sitting patiently on a riverbank in the sweltering heat swatting gnats, waiting for the fish to bite.

You don't have to go to this extreme to enjoy fishing. A big can of OFF bug repellent and a shade tree often cure these two cons of the sport. It just so happens my dad is one of those people who can take heat and for some reason never attracts many bugs.

Many people who complain there is nothing to do in Maryville don't realize Missouri is an excellent place to go fishing. While people know there are great places to fish in southern Missouri, many may not realize there are also other noteworthy places in northwest Missouri as well.

There are hundreds of farm ponds and watersheds around Maryville that are loaded with all kinds of fish. There is also Nodaway Lake, a place that is great to camp out at as well.

For those who are interested in catching channel cat and flathead, there are three rivers in the area great for catching these fish. The closest of the three is the 102 River which is located just east of Maryville on Highway 136. This river has been fished for years and although it gets

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Track teams fight weather conditions, compete at SMSU

By KELLEY VANGUNDY
Associate Editor

Despite rain and wind, the Bearcat and Bearkitten track teams competed at the non-scoring Southwest Missouri State Invitational in Springfield Saturday, March 28. Senior Jennifer Holdiman and sophomore Diane Cummings each earned first place honors.

Holdiman collected her third consecutive first-place finish in the shot put with a throw of 41 feet, 6 1/2 inches, while Cummings took first in the high jump with a distance of 5 feet.

Head coach Charlene Cline said Holdiman is doing a good job for the team.

"She's living up to her experience by being a senior," Cline said.

Cummings also earned second and fourth place finishes in the long jump and triple jumps with distances of 17-4 3/4 and 36-0.

"I am looking forward to competing in front of a home crowd."

Kenny Peek, discuss

Junior Jeff Mally finished second in the javelin competition with a throw of 164-10, and sophomore Mark Roberts finished second in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 9:41.11.

Senior Kenny Peek finished third in the discus with a throw of 153-9.

Senior Terry Karn placed sixth out of 23 competitors at the Central Missouri State University decathlon competition on March 27 and 28, while freshman Carrie Wood finished fifth in the heptathlon.

"I improved on practically all my events," Karn said.

"There are still some areas I need to work on, though."

Weather has played a factor in both meets this season for the track teams.

"It was really windy the first meet," Cummings said.

"It even rained a little at the second meet and then it turned cold and windy."

The Bearcats and Bearkittens will play host Saturday, April 3, to an expected 15-20 teams at the Northwest Invitational at Rickenbrode Stadium. The field will consist of mainly NCAA Division II schools, but there will be some NAIA and junior colleges represented as well.

"It's nice to have a home meet, and not have to travel five hours to a meet," Peek said. "I am looking forward to competing in front of a home crowd."

According to Cline, hosting such a large invitational is not much of a problem.

"We are comfortable hosting such a big meet because we get such good support and help from the people at Northwest," Cline said.

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was called in the fifth inning due to rain which left some players displeased with the decision.

"Conference games are most important," senior pitcher Bill Hackett said. "A game of that magnitude shouldn't be decided in five innings because those are the ones that decide if you'll go to a conference tournament or not."

The Bearcats' only run was scored in the third inning by catcher, Brian Davis.

In the beginning of the fifth inning, pitcher J. MacArthur came in and relieved Dave Suggs. MacArthur allowed two hits and struck out three.

Despite the loss to Northeast the team is hitting the ball.

"The game kind of went bad," junior outfielder Paul Markovich said. "We have guys hitting well but we're not getting the hits needed in a clutch situation up to this point."

Even though the 'Cats were on a five game losing streak, the team was still positive about the upcoming games and the chance to go to conference.

"Despite having a below par season I still think we have the ability to make the conference tournament," Hackett said. "We just have to start playing to our potential and let our

Fishing

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Anyone wanting to go for the real "whopper" should go to the Missouri River.

Just last season a Tarkio man landed the state record and almost a world record with his catch of a 103-pound flathead.

My favorite of the three is the Nodaway River located west of Maryville. Easy access locations to the river are around the Maitland area. This river has provided many big catches for my dad and me over the years. It's a little larger than the 102 River and smaller than the Missouri.

You really don't need much to go fishing, either. Unlike some sports that cost an arm and a leg, fishing requires little money. You can pick

talent show."

The mental challenge for the team might be the toughest one they face.

"The toughest challenge for us at this point is not to say to ourselves when we get behind in a game 'that we've lost another one' or even 'it is just not a good year,'" Markovich said. "We have to put the past behind us. We've only played one conference game and that's what matters."

The Bearcats were forced to cancel the game against University of Nebraska-Kearney in order to make up the MIAA doubleheader that was scheduled on Saturday, March 28, at Northeast Missouri State University.

Returning to Kirksville gives the 'Cats an opportunity to win two conference games.

"It might have been good to leave Kirksville and go back," Markovich said. "We've been there and we lost and we have another shot to go back and play two more games."

The 'Cats will face Northeast Thursday, April 2, and on Saturday, April 4, will host Washburn University in a doubleheader. Play will begin at noon on Bearcat field. They will also play Washburn at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5, on Bearcat field. On April 7, the Bearcats will play Augustana in a doubleheader and then play another doubleheader against Wayne State in Wayne, Neb.

up a decent rod and reel at Wal-Mart for under \$30. Hooks and weights are also inexpensive, and when it comes time to get bait, catch it yourself. Worms are easy to catch or you can net crawdads or minnows from a pond. But if the thought of that doesn't sound fun, buy a lure and fish for bass.

Most of all, don't forget a fishing license. You can buy it at various places such as Wal-Mart or Shop and Hop and in-state ones only cost \$8. Believe me, \$8 is a lot cheaper than what you will pay if you get caught without one!

So the next time you get bored and are looking for something to do, grab a fishing rod and some bait and head out to the great outdoors. Don't let that big one get away.



Terry Karn throws the javelin during practice Wednesday, April 1. The next action for both track teams is the Northwest Invitational Saturday, April 4. Larry Smith/Staff Photographer

'Kittens claim first victories

By ALAN T. HAINKEL
Missourian Staff

The rain let up long enough for the Bearkitten softball team to get its season underway Wednesday, March 25. After having six straight games rained out, the Bearkittens lost a doubleheader to Simpson College, but came back to win two of three at the MIAA North Division Round Robin Friday, March 27, in St. Joseph.

Bearkitten head coach Gayla Eckhoff said she was pleased with the way the team played in the tournament.

"We played three good games," Eckhoff said. "We put in a total team effort."

In the first game of the tournament against Missouri Western State College, junior infielder Rheba Eustice's two-run single in the fourth inning broke a 1-1 tie and helped the 'Kittens to a 4-1 victory. Sophomore pitcher Stephanie Marquardt picked up the victory, allowing one run on seven hits, walking one and striking out five.

Marquardt said she has been working to keep hitters off balance.

"I've been working on my change-up to throw batters off more," Marquardt said.

The next tournament opponent for the Bearkittens was Northeast Missouri State University.

Sophomore pitcher Renee Hahn threw a one-hitter to post her second career shutout. Junior Shannon Armstrong hit two singles and stole two bases as the Bearkitten designated player along with a sacrifice in the 3-0 Northwest win.

Armstrong said Hahn's attitude helped with the outcome.

"She was real confident about her pitching out there," Armstrong said.

Washburn University was the 'Kittens' final opponent of the day. The Lady Blues scored the only run of the game on a walk and two errors in the top of the seventh inning for a 1-0 victory. Marquardt allowed one unearned run on three hits, while walking one and striking out two.

Eckhoff said she is optimistic about the team's chances for the rest of the conference schedule and said a lot of players contributed to the tournament performance.

"I didn't see any teams down there that scared me," Eckhoff said. "The pitchers played well. Stephanie Marquardt threw two good games and Renee Hahn tossed a shutout. Defensively, Rheba Eustice made some good plays, Lori Littleton made some good plays and Lisa Kenkel, as usual, played well."

The Bearkittens dropped both ends of their season-opening doubleheader to Simpson College Wednesday, March 25, at Indianola, Iowa.

Northwest took a 1-0 lead in the first inning, but Simpson scored three runs in the second and two in the third and cruised to an 11-5 win. Hahn was the losing pitcher for the Bearkittens.

In the nightcap, the Bearkittens again drew first blood with a first-inning run. Simpson scored seven runs in the bottom of the first inning and four in the second and held on for the 11-3 win. Freshman Mandy Brown, one of three Bearkitten pitchers, took the loss.

The next action for the Bearkittens will be Friday, April 3, and Saturday, April 4, at the Missouri Southern Invitational in Joplin. On Friday, the 'Kittens take on Missouri Southern at 10:30 a.m., the University of Missouri-St. Louis at 1:30 p.m. and Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville at 4:30 p.m. On Saturday, the single elimination portion of the tournament begins at 9:30 a.m., with the championship game scheduled for 2 p.m.

Marquardt said the Bearkittens have a good chance to make the post-season tournament.

"I think we have a real good chance," Marquardt said. "We've never played more as a team."

The game against Central Missouri State University, which was rained out Saturday, March 28, will be made up Thursday, April 16, or Friday, April 17, in St. Joseph prior to the Missouri Western Invitational Tournament.

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HUNTING for HOUSING

For students, the quest for suitable housing can sometimes be overwhelming. Some find residential life an enjoyable experience while others choose to venture off University limits. Whatever the decision, there are many factors worth considering before hunting for housing.

Money is often a significant reason college students decide to move off campus, although if money is not budgeted properly, savings may not be very noticeable. Some students find living off campus can be costly if they are not careful.

"I think how much you will save living off campus depends a lot on how you shop," junior Tony Miceli said. "My roommate and I sometimes go out and spend a lot of money so we don't save any more money than if we were on campus. You have to budget."

Parents might find off campus living to be a benefit when they make college payments.

"Since I moved off, payments have been a lot easier for my parents," junior Monica Chapman said. "They used to have to make installments of \$800 at a time. It's a lot easier for them to write a monthly rent check for \$86."

Of the 5,622 students enrolled at Northwest, more than half have decided to live off campus, according to the Residence Hall Association.

"I lived in the residence halls for one year and I was kind of glad when I got the chance to move off," Chapman said. "I didn't like the distance my dorm was from all my classes and I always felt like I was being watched. There was no privacy."

Privacy is an important factor to students in deciding whether or not to stay on campus.

"I didn't really mind living in the

residence halls too much," Miceli said. "The thing I really didn't like was the fact that everything was so close and cramped. And the bathrooms were pretty bad, too."

Other students do not really find privacy to be as much of a problem as the rules enforced in the residence halls.

"I don't have too much of a problem with finding privacy," freshman David Steele said. "I don't like quiet hours, though. I think they're kind of a pain."

But, according to Residence Hall Association Vice President Scott VonBehren, there are some definite advantages to residence hall life.

"Yeah, there are some advantages to living off-campus living — you have a little more space, a place of your own," VonBehren said. "But the disadvantages are you don't have a computer, and if you've never lived on campus, you don't meet as many people."

"I know of two people within the last couple of months who have come in and wanted back on campus, because of the easier access to classes and buildings, like the library."

Some students agree with VonBehren in the convenience of the services Northwest offers.

"The food isn't really all that bad,"

freshman Kelly Reardon said. "I really like the phone systems and the voice mail. It's nice to have."

One problem that has plagued on-campus students for many years is the minimal available parking facilities.

"I live in North Complex and we don't have anywhere to park," Steele said. "They give us this tiny little lot and we have to walk forever if we don't get a spot in it."

There are some drawbacks students living off campus have come across.

"Sometimes it can be a cold walk to class," Miceli said. "And it's also bad when I have to do work on the computer because I don't have one right there anymore. I have to go to the library to use the computers, or if I'm writing a paper I usually go to a friend's dorm room."

Another disadvantage of not liv-

ing in the residence halls is the lack of available, up-to-standard housing. Recently, several complaints were filed by tenants concerned with the safety of Maryville housing. These buildings were then investigated and eventually torn down, according to Gary Graves, code enforcement officer for the city of Maryville.

"Last year, 18 buildings were demolished, though they were not necessarily all houses," Graves said. "We have issued a few this year," adding that many of the complaints come from students.

Students who intend to live off campus should be aware of their rights. When renting a property, the tenant becomes temporary owner and is entitled to have safety regulations met, according to Graves.

"We have a lot of complaints from students, and they have a legitimate

complaint," he said. "I hope they continue to report them."

Students who need extra funding to afford off-campus housing should also be aware that some banks and lending institutions are mandating code inspections. Basically, they won't "loan any money without a clean bill of health from the city," Graves said.

One advantage on-campus students might have is constant contact with other students. Sometimes moving off campus can put a strain on friendships.

"Although it is hard to get privacy sometimes, I do like living close to the people in my hall," Reardon said. "I'm really close with my neighbors and I like my RA a lot. She's a great friend and really understanding."

Roommate problems aren't as common to students living off campus because they have the option of choosing who they live with.

"One thing I really like about liv-

ing in a house is that I have my own room," Chapman said. "I have six roommates and I like them all and I am also getting the chance to live with my sister, which is very nice."

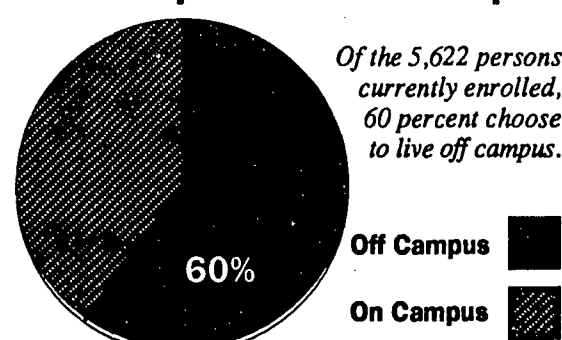
Convenience may be another factor to be considered.

"When I lived on campus I liked being close to everything," Miceli said. "But my apartment isn't that far from campus and I almost always walk to class unless it's really cold outside."

The pros and cons of living off campus vs. residence hall life seem to balance out and it is impossible to say which is better. Cost may be the biggest factor to consider, but convenience and location are also important. The choice is essentially a matter of opinion in which students have to choose for themselves, keeping in mind the benefits and the downsides of each option.

by Jenifer Gathercole

Off Campus vs. On Campus



Source: Residence Hall Association

Jenny Fair/Art Director
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From Left Field



DON CARRICK

My youth sits on my computer keyboard. I feel like it's staring at me, accusing me of the heinous crime of removing it from my person and finally proving that I'm not as immature as I used to be.

This is a hard thing for me to admit. In the past I had taken pride in the fact I still played on swing sets, my favorite part of department stores was the toy section and I would rather discuss cartoons than politics any day. But my thoughts have changed on these issues. People don't respect you when you bring up the finer points of the Bugs Bunny feature No. 245,

Road to maturation includes parting with tail

"Hare's no place like home." You can't impress possible employers with your ability to suck up Jell-O through a straw. And you certainly put off members of the opposite sex when your casual party banter includes impressions of Mr. Ed.

A time comes in your life when you must draw the line and say, "Today I join the real world. Today I begin to worry about the ozone layer. Today I begin thinking about settling down with someone I love, becoming disillusioned and slowly losing interest. Today I will take out huge loans, which I cannot, in this lifetime, even come close to paying off. Today I begin on my ulcer. Today I begin to worry about what others think of me, even people I do not like. From this moment on, I am a grown-up!"

For me the line was drawn with the decision to cut off my ponytail. It was a tough

choice, but one that became easier with every tug of my tail by some idiot thinking it was the first time anyone had done it to me, and it was the funniest thing they had ever seen.

So, on a Wednesday afternoon, I walked into the local salon and said, "Kim, hack the dang thing off." Before I knew it, she did.

Looking at the limp braided ponytail in my hands, I regretted my decision; this long hunk of hair had been a part of me for quite awhile. As I walked outside, I could feel a breeze on my neck, something I hadn't felt in six years since I decided to grow my hair out. Holding that ponytail in my hands, I felt a very deep loss.

Now, as I sit here typing away, the tail is staring at me. It looks kind of ticked. I had wanted to save it, for posterity I guess, but now I don't know. I'm afraid I'll wake up one night to find it standing over me with a knife,

ready to do to me what I did to it. I don't want possession of homicidal hair, therefore I have a favor to ask you.

Take this thing off my hands! I'm offering you the chance to own a piece of my immaturity! Sounds great, doesn't it? It is! It is!

DON CARRICK'S SUPER DUPER WIN A HUNK O' HAIR (which may be worth something some day, if I become famous and all) **CONTEST!**

It's very simple. All you have to do is send me a letter, describing what you would do with the ponytail if it was in your possession. Then, members of the *Northwest Missourian* editorial board will painstakingly go through each and every letter until we find the one letter that we feel best represents what should be done with the tail. The winner will receive the actual ponytail I've owned for six years now, and have their letter printed in the

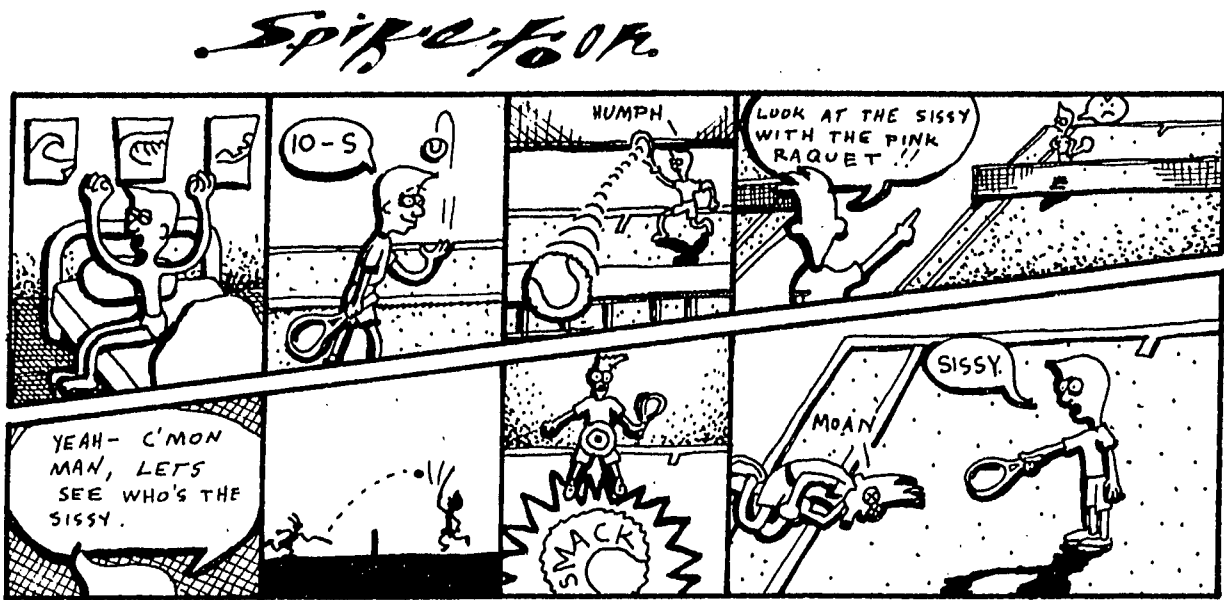
Missourian in this very column! Sounds great doesn't it? It is great, it's fantastic! I get rid of this hair, you get a priceless piece of memorabilia and we all become very happy.

Simply send those letters to this address:
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Of course, this is an electronic campus, so you can also send those ideas via campus mail! Get on that computer and address those entries to user number 0214473 Re: hair.

The deadline for entries is Friday, April 10. The winner and other letters that strike our fancy will be included in a future column.

With this last obstacle in my path to maturity knocked out of the way I begin down the road to true adulthood. Now, does anyone know where I can get a job?



Sun-60, Harris offer acoustical variety

Off the Record

KEN LUCAS

Acoustic music takes the spotlight this week as I look at the latest music from Sun-60 and Emmylou Harris.

Sun-60's self-titled album has an acoustic, pop-rock sound that highlights the voices of Joan Jones and David Russo. There is a strong emphasis on the rhythm guitars, and the arrangements are kept fairly simple. This combination adds up to a very enjoyable recording.

The songs of Sun-60 remind me of Tom Petty in that most of them have very few lyrics, repeated verses and a strong hook. Jones and Russo take turns as lead singer, something not too many bands are doing these days.

On "Kiss the Train," Jones sings

about a girl lost in a world without love - "All I ever asked was one true love/But one true love is too much." In "Cold Water" Russo explores some of the anxieties of life - "She's like cold water in a hot glass/The derelict daughter I'm afraid to ask."

Perhaps the best song on Sun-60, however, is the lighthearted "Too Much Tube." In this one, a man has confused reality with television, and he finds - "The brain won't take/And the trance won't break."

Emmylou Harris has a new album out, recorded live at the Ryman Theater. "At the Ryman" features the Nash Ramblers, an all-star group headed by Sam Bush, possibly the best mandolin player alive today.

This album definitely leans more toward a Blue Grass album than a country one, with the songs of Bill Monroe, Peter Rowan and Doyle Lawson leading the way.

Harris also throws in a couple of revamped rock songs, one by Bruce Springsteen and John Fogerty's "Lodi."

Inspired by the acoustic settings



and the live performance, this album really shows off the talent on stage. On "Scotland," the band is turned loose for an instrumental. "Walls of Time" and "Calling my Children Home" spotlight the singing abilities of the group, which are certainly on par with their playing.

On Ray Park's classic "Montana Cowboy," Harris and Jon Stewart sing the ultra-high vocal about heading home to the hills - "So howl away you old coyote/Sing your sad and lonesome song/I'm going back to old Montana/Back to the hills where I belong."

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Buffy - I had a really good weekend. Thanks for everything. I love you. Love,
Scooter

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Top 5
"Three Strange Days" School of Fish
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"Come As You Are" Nirvana
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"Hi Baby Hi" Top

PROGRESSIONS
"High" The Cure
"Low Self-Opinion" The Rollins Band
"Pain Lies on the Riverside" Live
"I Am Mine" The Industry
"Cracker" Teen Angst

Program Director - Joltin'

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"Don't Talk, Just Kiss" Right Said Fred

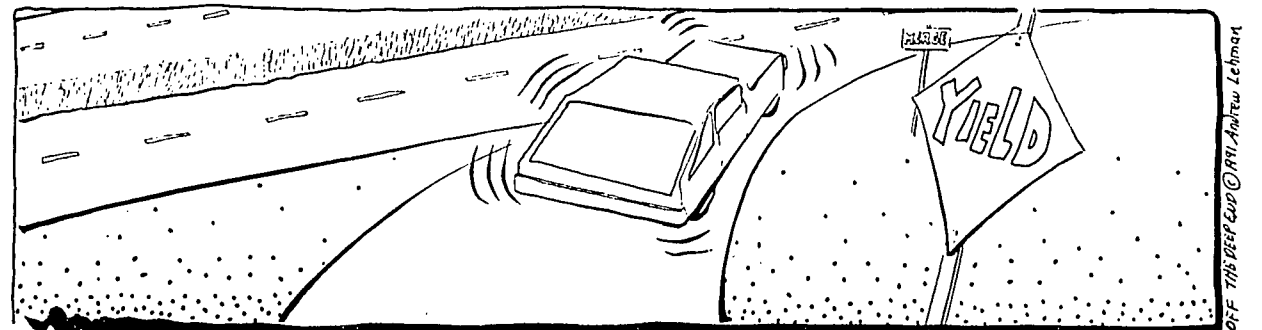
"Closer to Me" The Outfield

"3-2-1 Pump" Redhead Kingpin

"Just Take My Heart" Mr. Big

"My Lovin'" En Vogue

Off the Deep End



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